

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 18 are pending in this application.

Applicant has amended claims 16 and 18, and has canceled claims 14, 15, 17, 19, and 20 (claims 1-13 were previously canceled). These changes do not introduce any new matter.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's prompt indication that claims 16 and 18 define allowable subject matter. Applicant has rewritten each of claims 16 and 18 in independent form. Accordingly, independent claims 16 and 18, as presented herein, are in condition for allowance.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

As noted above, claims 14, 15, 19, and 20 have been canceled. As such, the rejection of claims 14, 15, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Uchino et al.* ("*Uchino*") (US 2002/0008771 A1) is moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

As noted above, claim 17 has been canceled. As such, the rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Uchino* is moot.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of claims 16 and 18, as amended herein, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805

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